

that there is similar legislation in Minnesota and she gave this account, after talking with an advocate in Minnesota, to show the difference between the way white people and black people charged with the same kind of offense were treated. On Monday mornings in Hennepin County, Minneapolis, over 25 to 30 batterers are arraigned. They are usually half white and half men of color in a community that has 15 percent people of color. The men of color often have chipped teeth, black eyes and bruises that they got from the police. They got these bruises from the police for the same reasons their partners got their bruises. She got it because she is a woman. He got it because he is a man of color. Our issue is not only a battered woman's cause issue, it's a police brutality issue. We will not tolerate police in our community going out and doing someone else's violence. We must join with people of color in raising the issue that they have been raising for years about police brutality. Violence in any form is assault and must not be tolerated.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: (Microphone not activated) ...the first three minutes of my time to Ernie so he can finish his...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Lynch. There has been a recent outcry in Minneapolis because of police brutality directed against nonwhite people. I don't want this bill to be viewed by them as the Legislature telling them, we know what you have been doing, we endorse what you're doing, what you're doing. To ensure even further than what my remarks might do because they won't be aware of the transcript, there are two provisions in the bill that exempt these officers from criminal and liability...criminal and civil liability for what they may be doing under the provisions of this act. I told Senator Pirsch I won't try to do anything about that provision on General, but between now and Select she said she would talk to the people who wanted that provision in. And I will make it clear I will try, on Select, to get rid of that language because we don't put it in bills that authorize police to do other things. And if that stays in, then my ability to support the bill would be placed in serious doubt.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.